

Application No.: 10/584,105
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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending and subject to restriction and/or election.

Claim 11 has been amended herein to depend from claim 1.

New claim 31, fully supported by the original specification, has been added

Claims 22-30 have been withdrawn in view of Applicant's election in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement.

Initial Group Election

The Examiner, by way of restrictions, is requesting an initial election of one Group of claims from among Groups I-III below:

Group I (claims 1-10), drawn to a method of reducing transfer of contamination to a surface.

Group II (claims 11-21), drawn to a method of precluding transfer of contamination during cutting operations.

Group III (claims 22-30), drawn to an antimicrobial barrier composition.

Restriction Election

Applicant elects **Group I**, claims 1-10, *with traverse*.

The basis of Applicant's traversal is that the Group II claims have been preliminarily amended herein to depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1 of Group I, such that the claims of Groups I and II should be examined together.

Claim Amendments

Original claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 1 of Group I.

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New claim 31 has been added. Support is found in original claim 11.

No new matter has been added.

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